

## Italy from Napoleon to the First Republic (1796-1948)

### **Syllabus**

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#### **Week 1: 16 September**

Part 1. Italy before 1796 and some reflections on Italian disunity

Part 2. Napoleon and the awakening of Italian nationalism, 1796-1815.

Reading: Duggan, *The Force of Destiny*, Part One, pp.3-68

#### **Week 2: 23 September**

The Restoration and the Rise of Romantic Nationalism: Democrats and Moderates

Giuseppe Verdi and the opera of bourgeois revolution: *Nabucco*

Reading: Duggan, Part Two, pp.70-162.

#### **Week 3: 30 September**

Part one: Revolution and Moderate Response (1846-1858): Pope Pius IX and Mazzini, Cavour, Balbo and Gioberti

Reading: Duggan, pp.165- 197

Part two: An American in the Roman Republic: Margaret Fuller

Reading: Margaret Fuller: "These sad but glorious days": Dispatches from Europe 1846-1850. Excerpts to be distributed in class).

Week 4: 7 October

Part 1. Unification and the New State: 1858-1870

Reading: Duggan pp. 198-258

Part 2. A Sicilian view of Unification: *The Leopard* Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa –

#### **Week 5: 14 October**

Site visit to Perugia, capital city of the papal legation of Umbria. Our tour will concentrate on the fortress of the papal state, the Rocca Paolina, and various monuments and places recalling the anti-papal uprising of 1859 and the annexation to Piedmont in 1860.

John Greenleaf Whittier, "From Perugia."

#### **Week 6: 21 October**

Mid-term exam

#### **Week 7: 28 October**

Part One: 1887-1900 Competing Sources of Authority and the National Identity Crisis

Reading: Duggan pp.323-349

Part Two: 1900-1914 Intellectual Revolt: Socialism and Catholicism, Nationalism and Futurism

Reading: Duggan, Part Five, pp.350-389

## **Week 8: 4 November**

Part One: The Great War: Defeat and Victory

Reading: Duggan pp.390-404

Part Two: D'Annunzio, Mussolini and the Advent of Fascism 1919-1922

Duggan, Part Six, pp. 407-448

## **Week 9: 11 November**

Part One – Regime>Empire>Collapse 1925-1943

Reading: Duggan, 449-526

Part Two: The Persecution of the Jews

Reading: Lia Levi, *The Jewish Husband*, Rosetta Loy, *First Words*

## **Week 10: 18 November**

From the Resistance to the Republic

Reading: Duggan, pp. 529-547

## **Week 11: 25 November**

Final Exam

## ***Exams and Grades***

Exams will be part objective (multiple choice, matching, chronology) and part subjective (essays, a choice of one out of two or three questions).

Grades will be based on class participation, mid-term, and final exams with the following breakdown: participation (25%), mid-term exam (35%), final exam (40%). The class participation portion of the grade will be affected negatively by unexcused absences just as it will be positively affected by efforts to promote courteous and productive discussion. If necessary to encourage more active class participation, there may be weekly quizzes on the assigned reading.

## ***Readings***

- Duggan, Christopher. The Force of Destiny: A History of Italy Since 1796. Penguin Books\_Ltd. (2007) paperback\_(688 pages).
- Levi, Lia. The Jewish Husband, Europa Editions (2009) paperback (176 pages). This book is due to be published in August, 2009. If not available before departure from the states Students may wish to purchase it through amazon.co.uk after they have arrived in Italy.
- Loy, Rosetta. First Words: A Childhood in Fascist Italy, Owl Books (2001) paperback (208 pages).
- Tomasi Di Lampedusa. Giuseppe, The Leopard, Pantheon reprint edition (2007) paperback (336 pages)

*Other readings mentioned in the syllabus will be made available in class.*